

# House File 467 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 226)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to secondary health benefit plans' access to  
2 explanation of benefits from primary health benefit plans.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   NEW SECTION.   514A.16   Explanation of benefits —  
2   secondary health benefit plans.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5     a. "*Covered person*" means the same as defined in section  
6 514J.102.

7        *b. "Explanation of benefits"* means a statement provided to a  
8 covered person by the covered person's health benefit plan that  
9 explains the costs that the health benefit plan will cover for  
10 the health care services received by the covered person.

11       c. *"Health benefit plan"* means a policy, contract,  
12 certificate, or agreement offered or issued by a health carrier  
13 to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of  
14 the costs of health care services.

15     *d. "Health care services"* means the same as defined in  
16 section 514J.102.

2. If a covered person's secondary health benefit plan requests a copy of an explanation of benefits from a covered person's primary health benefit plan, the primary health benefit plan shall provide a copy of the explanation of benefits no later than twenty calendar days from the date of the request.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill relates to secondary health benefit plans' (plan)  
27 access to explanation of benefits from primary health benefit  
28 plans. If a covered person's secondary plan requests a copy  
29 of an explanation of benefits (EOB) from a covered person's  
30 primary plan, the primary plan shall provide a copy of the EOB  
31 no later than 20 calendar days from the date of the request.  
32 "EOB" is defined in the bill.